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8 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
9 FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

10 MELVIN DUKES,

11 Plaintiff,

No. CIV S-10-1393 EFB P

12 vs.

13 B. HEDRICK, et al.,

14 Defendants.

ORDER

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16 Plaintiff is a state prisoner proceeding without counsel in an action brought under 42
17 U.S.C. § 1983. Although filed on a form for a petition for writ of habeas corpus, plaintiff alleges
18 his civil rights have been violated as a result of his conditions of confinement at Salinas Valley
19 State Prison.

20 A civil action, other than one based on diversity jurisdiction, must be brought in “(1) a
21 judicial district where any defendant resides, if all defendants reside in the same State, (2) a
22 judicial district in which a substantial part of the events or omissions giving rise to the claim
23 occurred, or a substantial part of property that is the subject of the action is situated, or (3) a
24 judicial district in which any defendant may be found, if there is no district in which the action
25 may otherwise be brought.” 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b).

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1 Here, most defendants are located in and the claims arose in Monterey County,
2 California, which is in the Northern District of California. 28 U.S.C. § 84(a). Therefore, in the
3 interest of justice, this action is transferred to the United States District Court for the Northern
4 District of California. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 1404(a); *Starnes v. McGuire*, 512 F.2d 918, 932 (D.C.
5 Cir. 1974).

6 So ordered.

7 Dated: June 21, 2010.


EDMUND F. BRENNAN
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE